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Sir:

In response to the Office action dated October 23, 2002, Applicant wishes to amend the above-identified application as follows:

In the Claims:

Please amend claims 89, 97, 98, 99, 105, 107, 110, 119, 123, and 131 as indicated below:

89. (Twice Amended) A multi-reaction site assay plate structure₁ comprising:
an upper surface and a lower closely spaced opposed surface, said upper and lower surfaces defining a space therebetween, the lower surface having a plurality of separate reaction sites, the reaction sites being treated to increase the hydrophilicity thereof, and the lower surface being treated to increase the hydrophobicity of the surface other than at said reaction sites₁;

at least one opening providing access to said space from an external location, the spacing between said upper and lower surfaces being provided to facilitate the flow of fluid in said space by capillary action of a fluid introduced into said space through said opening